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SUBJ: SYG INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA

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1. MISOFF SPOKE WITH RELIABLE SOURCE IN SECRETARIAT WHO HAD ATTENDED MEETINGS BETWEEN SYG AND SAG FONMIN IN GENEVA AS WELL AS MEETINGS BETWEEN STRAVROPOULOS AND FONSEC FOURIE. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICNAS HAD PRESENTED PAPER TO SYG WHICH PROVIDED FOR TIME LIMIT OF TEN YEARS FOR SELF- DETERMINATION TO BE EXERCISED IN NAMIBIA. SECRETARIAT SIDE SAID THIS TOO LONG AND SUGGESTED COMPROMISE OF FIVE YEARS. APPARENTLY, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON TIME LIMIT FOR EXERCISE OF SELF- DETERMINATION. DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, CONTINUED AND SYG MADE COUNTER PROPOSAL TO SAG.

2. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS, PAPER EMERGED ON WHICH FONMIN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GET CABINET APPROVAL BEFORE GIVING FINAL SAG POSITION. SECRETARIAT SOURCE GAVE MISOFF IN GREAT CONFIDENCE COPY OF PAPER. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE REVEALED TO ANYONE:

SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE

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" THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL ENABLE THE OPOULATION OF NAMIBIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. IN SO DOING, IT SHALL FULLY RESPECT THE

WISHES OF THE POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY, CONSULTED AS A WHOLE, WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE TERRITORY. IT HAS NO INTENTION OF IMPOSING ANY CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM.

" ANY EXERCISE TO ASCERTAIN THE WISHES OF THE POPULATION IN THIS REGARD WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED BY ANY EXISTING POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. SOUTH AFRICA SHALL NOT IMPOSE UPON THE POPULATION OF NAMIBIA ANY GIVEN SYSTEM CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF THE LATTER OR CONTRARY TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

" ALL POLITICAL PARTIES OF NAMIBIA WILL HAVE FULL AND FREE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF SA HAS NO INTENTION OF DELAYING THE ACT OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND WILL COOPERATE WITH THE SYG OF THE UN IN LAYING DOWN A TIME- TABLE AND DETERMINING ANY OTHER MEASURES WHICH WILL ENSURE THE AHCIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS.

" WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION WHETHER INDIVIDUAL POPULATION GROUPS MAY SUDDENLY BECOME INDEPENDENT AS SEPARATE ENTITIES, THE SAG STATES THAT IT DOES NOT ENVISAGE AN EVENTUALITY.

" THE SAG RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE NEED FOR FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO SELF- DETERMINATION. THE PRINCIPLE APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE TERRITORY.

" SO FAR AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS CONCERNED, THE SAG HAS IN MIND THE REDELINEATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS AIMED AT CONSIDERABLY ENLARGING THESE DISTRICTS SO AS TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON AND BRING ABOUT GREATER FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT ."

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3. SECRETARIAT SOURCE SAID THAT AS OF MOMENT UN HAD NOT GOTTEN SAG' S REACTION TO PAPER AND SPECULATED THAT MAIN PROBLEM WAS REFERENCE TO " CONSULTED AS A WHOLE." WHILE PAPER WAS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY FOR UN, SECRETARIAT SOURCE FELT IT COULD PROVIDE PASIS FOR CONTINUING TALKS IF SAG APPROVES IT. SYG' S REPORT DUE APRIL 30. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER SC WILL MEET IN EARLY MAY ON REPORT OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER OAU SUMMIT MEETING WHICH ENDS MAY 28 BEFORE CONSIDERING SYG' S REPORT. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT PRINCIPAL REASON FOR HAVING SYG' S REPORT READY BY APRIL 30 WAS IN ORDER TO HAVE IT PRIOR TO OAU MEETING SO THAT OAU COULD PRONOUNCE ITSELF ON REPORT.

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